

--- 1/10th Pound - "Series of 1883" - BLACK - 250/255 x 15 mm. ---

John McKay records that 1,432,000 copies of the "1-10th, Black '83, Tobacco", recess printed on hand press were 'Delivered' under the **3rd BABN Contract** (1878-1886). Possibly these were perforated 12. **WANTED!**

John McKay further records that 1,284,650 copies of "1-10 lb., Black, Series '83, Tobacco", *recess printed* by hand press, and 5,393,280 copies *recess printed* by rotary press, plus an additional 5,861,120 *lithographed* copies were 'delivered' under the **4th BABN Contract** (1886-1892). I have not noticed any lithographed copies but I have not been looking. If *lithographed* strips occur for the "Series of 1883", they should be given a separate letter suffix. Since 13,264,870 copies of the outdated black "Series of 1880-81" were previously lithographed, it is probable that all, or some, of these lithographed strips were delivered to Ottawa for disposal in the summer of 1887.

McKay records 59,300 copies, *recess printed* by hand press, an additional 2,543,470 copies *recess printed* by rotary press, plus 352,180 *lithographed* copies of "1/10 Black Tobacco" were 'delivered' under the **5th BABN Contract** (1892-1897).

Finally John McKay records that 631,350 copies, *recess printed* by rotary press, of "1/10, Black, Tobacco" were 'delivered' under the **5th BABN Supplement** (1897-1898). These had been printed under the **5th BABN Contract** and remained in stock when BABN lost the printing contract to ABN in 1897. By mutual agreement they were made available to the Department, while ABN worked 'up-to-speed' with the die preparation and the printing of the "Series of 1897".

Note: On the next line McKay separately records as 'delivered' some 68,190 copies, *recess printed* by hand press, of "1/10, Black Tobacco". I feel that this line is a 'steno' misprint, and that the line should read "1/10, Blue, Tobacco". McKay does not list *recess printed* hand press and rotary press strips on separate lines.

3rd BABN Contract - October 22nd 1878	1,432,000 recess (hand)	000001 to 1-432000
4th BABN Contract - October 22nd 1886	1,284,650 recess (hand)	1-432001 to 2-716650
	5,393,280 recess (rotary)	2-716651 to 8-019930
	5,861,120 <i>lithographed</i>	8-019931 to 13-971050
5th BABN Contract - April 23rd 1892	59,300 recess (hand)	13-971051 to 14-030350
	2,543,470 recess (rotary)	14-030351 to 16-573820
	352,180 <i>lithographed</i>	16-573821 to 16-926000
5th BABN Supplement - (1897-1898)	631,350 recess (rotary)	16-926001 to 17-557350
	17,557,350	

With 17,557,350 strips printed, the following control number list only provides an approximation of the relative abundance or scarcity of this item, and placing them in control numbered order is not intended to indicate when, and in what order, they were actually printed during the life of a particular Contract. The 1,000,000 control sequence repeats seventeen times upon reaching **999999** by reset to **000001**. The listed control numbers (unless the strip is dated) may have an 'un-printed' prefix of 1- to 17- million.

The catalogue lists these *recess printed* Series of 1883 black 1/10th pound strips, with a "Montreal" sheet imprint, as follows:

- RP-441** - 1/10th pound, black, perforated 12, on horizontal mesh wove - 255 x 15 mm.
RP-442 - 1/10th pound, black, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove - 250 x 15 mm.
RP-443(L) - 1/10th pound, black, *lithographed*

The collection *does not* contain a *lithographed* copy of the 1/10th pound black strip. When building the collection, I did not realize the possibility that *lithographed* strips existed.



RP-441n - 1/10th pound, black, perforated 12, *without* control numbering,
Recess printed by *rotary press* on horizontal mesh wove paper - 255 mm. design

--- 1/10th Pound - "Series of 1883" - BLACK - 4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) ---

--- Recess printed by rotary press on horizontal mesh wove - 255 x 14 mm - 4 mm blue controls ---

--- RP-441 - 1/10th pound - perforated 12 - scanned at 67% scale ---



RP-441 - 1/10th pound, black, perforated 12, with 4 mm. control **122130**,
 Recess printed by *hand press* on horizontal mesh wove paper - 250 mm. design,
 Roller cancelled **TOBACCO / 2-8** by "B. Houde & Co.", Quebec City

051083		RP-441	1/10th pound, perforated 12, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove, Roller cancelled TOBACCO / 2-8 - 255 mm. design
095622★		RP-441	1/10th pound, perforated 12, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove, Roller cancelled TOBACCO / 2-8 - 255 mm. design
122130★		RP-441	1/10th pound, perforated 12, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove, Roller cancelled TOBACCO / 2-8 - 255 mm. design
219466		RP-441	1/10th pound, perforated 12, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove, Roller cancelled TOBACCO / 2-8 - 255 mm. design
220719★		RP-441	1/10th pound, perforated 12, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove, Roller cancelled TOBACCO / 2-8 - 255 mm. design
316910		RP-441	1/10th pound, perforated 12, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove, Roller cancelled TOBACCO / 2-8
427715		RP-441	1/10th pound, perforated 12, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove, Roller cancelled TOBACCO / 2-8
635483		RP-441	1/10th pound, perforated 12, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove, Roller cancelled TOBACCO / 2-8
657860	12/84	RP-441	1/10th pound, perforated 12, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove, Stamped 6.17 11 '84 - a 250 mm design
770145		RP-441	1/10th pound, perforated 12, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove, Roller cancelled TOBACCO / 2-8
844880		RP-441	1/10th pound, perforated 12, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove, Roller cancelled TOBACCO / 6-17
844885		RP-441	1/10th pound, perforated 12, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove, Roller cancelled TOBACCO / 6-17
964430		RP-441	1/10th pound, perforated 12, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove, Roller cancelled TOBACCO / 2-8
994082		RP-441	1/10th pound, perforated 12, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove, Roller cancelled TOBACCO / 2-8

The design of the following plate proofs all measure 255 x 15 mm. These proofs were recess printed by *rotary press*, and the following control-numbered examples (measuring 250 x 15 mm. in design) were printed by *hand press*.



1/10th pound, black plate proof, recess printed by rotary press on horizontal mesh heavy wove paper - 255 mm design



1/10th pound, black plate proof, stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. black Gothic - 255 mm design



1/10th pound, black plate proof, stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. violet Gothic - 255 mm design

--- 1/10th Pound - “Series of 1883” - BLACK - 4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) ---

--- Recess printed by hand press on vertical mesh wove - 250 x 14 mm - 4 mm blue controls ---

--- RP-442 - 1/10th pound - *coarse roulette* - scanned at 67% scale ---



RP-442 - 1/10th pound, black, *coarse roulette*, with 4 mm. control **510379**,
Recess printed by *hand press* on horizontal mesh wove paper - 250 mm. design,
Roller cancelled **TOBACCO / 1-38** by the “Vancouver Snuff Co.”

078418★	07/84	RP-442	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove, Stamped 6.17 2 '84 - 250 mm design
177830		RP-442	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove, Roller cancelled TOBACCO / 2-8 - 255 mm. design
412981		RP-442	1/10th pound, black, coarse roulette, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove, Roller cancelled TOBACCO / 13 - 17
510379★		RP-442	1/10th pound, black, coarse roulette, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove, Roller cancelled TOBACCO / 1 – 38 - 250 mm. design
673157		RP-442	1/10th pound, black, coarse roulette, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove, Roller cancelled TOBACCO / 1 - 38

The strips occur in 250 mm. and 255 mm. design lengths. The 250 mm. strips were printed by *hand press*, and the 255 mm. strips were printed by *rotary press*.

There was more than one pass through the 1,000,000 control number sequence. The above strips are simply listed in control number sequence. Note: the controls for many of the strips were taken from eBay. Thus the length designation (for non-scanned strips) may be erroneous.

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